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1. AT JANUARY 15 NAC MEETING, SYG ASKED COUNCIL TO APPROVE THAT APAG NEXT MEET AT ROYAUMONT, FRANCE, FROM EVENING APRIL 14 THROUGH MIDDAY APRIL 17. TOPIC WOULD BE "PROSPECTS FOR EAST-WEST EXCHANGE IN AN INCREASINGLY INTERDEPENDENT WORLD" WITH UNDERSTANDING MEETING WOULD DISCUSS NATURAL RESOURCES INCLUDING RAW MATERIALS, ENERGY, AND FOOD IN EAST-WEST CONTEXT.

2. BUWALDA (NETHERLANDS), CATALANO (ITALY), AND ERALP (TURKEY) SAID TITLE WAS VAGUE AND EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR TITLE APAG PROPOSED LAST JUNE. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) SAID HE WOULD REPORT THAT ONLY TITLE AND NOT SUBJECT HAD CHANGED. ASSISTANT SYG KASTL EXPLAINED THAT NEW TITLE WAS COMPROMISE SINCE MENTION IN TITLE OF NATURAL RESOURCES WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO ALL DELEGATIONS. BEAUCHATAUD (FRANCE) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES FELT ORIGINAL TOPIC WAS NOT OF DIRECT CONCERN TO PARTICIPANTS IN THEIR CAPACITY AS ALLIANCE MEMBERS. OTHER FORUMS WOULD ADDRESS NATURAL RESOURCES ISSUES AND PUBLIC EMPHASIS ON SUBJECT IN APAG TITLE MIGHT BE MISINTERPRETED. ACCORDINGLY, HIS AUTHORITIES PREFERRED TO PUT EMPHASIS IN TITLE ON EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND BELIEVED APAG WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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WISH TO DISCUSS SCIENTIFIC, ECONOMIC, AND ENERGY QUESTIONS IN THIS CONTEXT. BRUCE (U.S.) SAID U.S. PREFERRED THE TITLE AGREED

TO BY APAG BUT COULD ACCEPT AN INNOCUOUS TITLE ON UNDERSTANDING

SUBSTANCE WOULD REMAIN AS APAG DECIDED IN JUNE.
HE EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHES TO PARTICIPATION OF
POLICY LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES.

3. LUNS SAID IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTIONS HE WOULD CONSIDER
PROPOSAL (PARA 1 ABOVE) ADOPTED.BRUCE

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